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- 1. All Satellite refugees in Yugoslavia have been given the option of remaining in that country, of returning to their country of origin or of proceeding to the West. Approximately 400 of these refugees wish to go to the West, and the Yugoslav Government is willing to permit their exit. If emigration to another country cannot be arranged, the refugees will be resettled in Yugoslavia, but will not be forced to return to their country of origin.
- No Satellite officials have been allowed to visit the refugees and urge their return to the homeland. The refugees themselves, however, have been free to visit Satellite consulates.
- 3. Very few Yugoslavs have been returned from the Satellite states, and these are Cominformists who fled in 1948. The Satellite states have been enforcing regulations which result in prolonged delays in the repatriation of these persons, which accounts for the small number of returnees thus far.
- 4. With normalization, the entire character of the various refugee committees in Yugoslavia has changed. They are now engaged in cultural work and are no longer engaged in propaganda activities. They will continue to publish newspapers in their own language, but these will follow the new political line.

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Comment: The total of 400 refugees who wish to go to the West appears to be low, since observers estimate that there are several times that number of refugees in Yugoslavia.

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